GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF CHEAPER SAFFRON
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether rampant adulteration and unchecked import of cheaper Iranian variety of Saffron has pushed the Kashmir`s Saffron Industry to the verge of extinction;

(b) if so, whether the Government has any plan to protect and develop the Kashmir`s Saffron Industry;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check the menace of selling Iranian Saffron under the Kashmiri Tag in Indian Markets and check its import?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a): No, Sir. The Government is not aware of any rampant adulteration and unchecked imports of cheaper Iranian variety of saffron.

(b) to (d): Does not arise.